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SUBJ: COMMUNICATIONS SITREP FROM CEO

1. MET WITH JORDANIAN MILITARY AND PTT THIS MORNING. PTT FINALLY ADMITTED 75 BAUD CIRCUITS TO AQABA IMPOSSIBLE, ALSO 50 BAUD CIRCUIT NOT RELIABLE DURING EVENING HOURS.
2. AM PRESENTLY HAVING PTT TERMINATE COMMERCIAL SATTELITE CIRCUIT TO C&R AMMAN.
3. JORDANIAN MILITARY IS PROVIDING TELEPHONE CIRCUIT FROM C&R AMMAN TO C&R USDEL AQABA. PLAN TO USE MODEM ON THIS CIRCUIT. WILL PATCH IT DIRECT TO SKYLINK. CAN MONITOR THIS ON TERMINAL EQUIPMENT HERE. WILL ADVISE CIRCUIT QUALITY WHEN MODEM INSTALLED AND OPERATING.
4. ASSUME YOU WILL BE USING SKYLINK AS PRIMARY CIRCUIT. SHOULD BACKLOG BUILD UP HERE WE PLAN TO MAKE COURIER RUN, WITH HELP OF JORDANIAN AIRFORCE, TO AQABA LATE AFTERNOON FEB 14 AND EARLY MORNING FEB 15. THIS IS ALSO PROVIDING WEATHER PERMITS, PRESENTLY SNOWING IN AMMAN. NO NIGHT COURIER FLIGHTS POSSIBLE DUE AQABA AIRPORT NOT HAVING LIGHTS.
5. SHOULD AMMAN/AQABA CIRCUIT NOT WORK WOULD COURIER ALL TRAFFIC TO AQABA. IN THIS EVENT ASSUME HIGHEST PRECEDENCE TRAFFIC WOULD BE SENT AQABA VIA SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT. PICKERING

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